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SUBJECT: CARNEGIE FOUNDATION REPORT ON SAHEL DROUGHT

1. PAGE THREE OF GOVERNMENT-SUPPORTED KINSHASA DAILY SALONGO OF MARCH 4 CARRIES U.N. DATED LINE STORY CITING RECENTLY ISSUED CARNEGIE FOUNDATION REPORT ON SAHEL DROUGHT AND INTERNATIONAL EFFORTS TO ALLEVIATE SITUATION. U.S. IS CHARACTERIZED AS "OFTEN LITTLE DESIROUS OR INCAPABLE OF TAKING THE MEASURES WHICH WOULD HAVE DIMINISHED THE MAGNITUDE OF THE TRAGEDY."

2. AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT "HAD NEITHER FORE-SEEN NOR REACTED AGAINST "THE FATAL DISCRIMINATION TOWARD THE NOMADS IN SEVERAL COUNTRIES' REGARDING THE DISTRIBUTION OF FOOD.."

3. "THE AMERICAN GOVERNMENT HAS DEMONSTRATED A STUPEFYING NON-INVOLVEMENT IN THE FACE OF STATISTICS SHOWING FATALITIES SURPASSING THOSE REGISTERED IN THE FAMINE OF BANGLADESH," SALONGO QUOTES CARNEGIE REPORT.

4. ARTICLE CHARGES THAT "THE TRANSPORT OF FOODSTUFFS IN AFRICA HAS BEEN IMPEDED BY THE SALE OF AMERICAN WHEAT TO THE SOVIET UNION, UNCLASSIFIED

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INDICATES THE REPORT, CITING A U.S. AMBASSADOR WHO HAD DECLARED

THAT COMMERCIAL OPERATIONS SEEM TO TAKE PRIORITY OVER HUMANITARIAN OPERATIONS."

5. ARTICLE CONCLUDES BY STATING THAT "BECAUSE OF A LACK OF ORGANIZATION AND OF FUNDS, THE UNITED STATES REJECTED A U.N. REQUEST FOR THEIR PLANES TO TRANSPORT URGENT FOODSTUFFS TO THE REGION."

6. COMMENT: POST HAS, ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS, CLARIFIED UNTRUE STATEMENTS IN ZAIRIAN PRESS REGARDING U.S. EFFORTS IN SAHEL DROUGHT. POST WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING ASAP COPY OF SUBJECT REPORT AND ANY AGENCY COMMENTS REGARDING AUTHENTICITY OF CHARGES AND SOURCES. THOUGH SUBJECT HAS BEEN OVEREXTENDED ALREADY, IN VIEW OF LATEST DEVELOPMENTS, ADDITIONAL IPS INPUT WOULD BE VALUABLE TO POST FOR PRESS PLACEMENT.  
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